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(WHAS11) - How would you like the chance to win a 2,100 sq. ft. house for $50? It has four bedrooms, two and a half baths, a deck and a basketball court. That's the offer one Louisville couple is making. They're raffling their house in Douglass Hills and the reason why sweetens the deal.

"I grew up in LaGrange..." said **Lindsey Tichenor**.

"And I've been here for 20 years... since 4th grade," said her husband Bowin Tichenor.

But Bowin and **Lindsey Tichenor** plan to leave it all behind-their home, their family and friends, even Louisville for what they call a "much simpler life."

"I'm excited to leave the busy American life for a little bit. Just all the stuff we accumulate, I'm excited to get rid of it," said Lindsey.

And the Tichenors found a unique way to unload their "stuff..."

"We are raffling our house and moving to the Dominican Republic."

They hope to sell 10,000 tickets at $50 each. The lucky winner will get their 2100 sq. ft. home in Douglass Hills. But this lottery isn't about moving to the beach; the Tichenors are missionaries with the local organization, Edge Outreach. And the move is permanent.

"After the first time going, I knew that's where we were going to end up, because everything else seemed a little less important," said Bowin.

They say they've been called to empower people by bringing clean water to poor communities. The raffle money will support them as they try to stamp out what Edge Outreach calls the biggest health issue of our day.

"If you were to add up all the people that die every day - the people that die from water borne disease will outnumber them all together," said Bob Browning, of Edge Outreach.

In 2 years, Bowin's traveled to the Dominican Republic and Haiti 8 times. After her first trip, Lindsey fell in love with her newfound purpose in life. It was just a matter of getting the kids on board-their first trip was in January, and their only concern was the cold showers.

"After Greta's first shower, and Greta is 6, she said, I hate this world and I want to go home! But then we started doing bucket showers with warm water and she loved it, so. They talk about it all the time, they're excited to go..." said Lindsey.

"So you guys are ready to go?" asked WHAS 11 News Reporter Adrianna Hopkins.

"No!" said Lindsey.

"We have so much to do, we're not even close to ready. We're ready, but we're just not ready," said Bowin.

Lindsey says, even though it's not her calling she'll home school the kids for the first year they're there. And everyone's will be learning Spanish. For more information on the raffle, Edge Outreach and water purification, follow the links.

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